

Winston-Salem Police Department

Gun Crime Reduction Unit (GCRU)

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Purpose of GCRU

- Reduce gun crime incidents
- Respond and investigate gun crimes involving discharging firearms into a dwelling/vehicle and/or incidents where an individual is injured by gun fire
- Apprehend violent offenders where the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) has not assumed the apprehension
- Engage in proactive policing in areas where gun violence has repeatedly occurred

GCRU's Impact on Firearm Related Offenses

- June was the peak for 2020 with 273 reported firearm incidents with 12% reduction in July
- July peaked for Discharging Firearms into an Occupied Dwelling/Vehicle with 42 reported incidents with a 30% reduction in August
- September had a 10% reduction, and another 26% reduction in October
- GCRU's overall impact was an of a 20% reduction in firearm related offenses from July through December 14, 2020

Total Arrests for GCRU July through December 14, 2020

Total Arrests	884
Felony	675
Misdemeanor	133
Citations	76

Total Seizures for GCRU July through December 14, 2020

Items Seized		Cash Value
Crack/Cocaine	119.64 grams	\$12,881.77
Marijuana	2,453.62 grams	\$27,440.01
Other Narcotics	91.26 grams	\$3,311.25
US Currency	\$41,887.94	\$41,887.94
Firearms	54	\$17,249.00
Vehicles	2	\$6,000.00
TOTAL		\$108,769.97

GCRU Significant Arrests/Actions

- Arrested an individual responsible for over 14 firearms related incidents in the Cleveland Avenue Homes, Ferrell Court, and Castle Heights neighborhoods
- Located 6 juvenile offenders who were involved in firearm related incidents
- Several firearms investigations have lead to search warrants being obtained for residences results in firearms and narcotic seizures
- Assisted the Criminal Investigation Division in locating a suspect vehicle responsible for at least four robberies at businesses
 - Locating the vehicle also lead to developing a suspect for the robberies

Questions?

